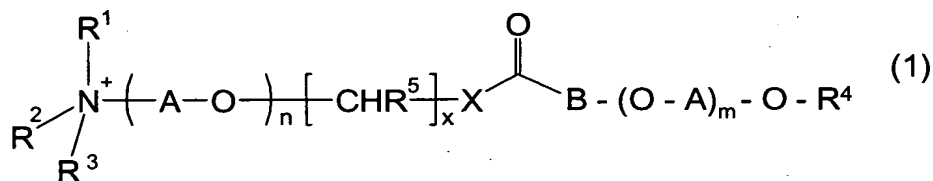


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.(Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting corrosion and gas hydrate formation in a mixture of hydrocarbon and water, said method comprising adding to the mixture a compound of ~~The use of compounds of the formula (1)~~



where

R¹, R² are each independently C₁- to C₂₂-alkyl, C₂- to C₂₂-alkenyl, C₆- to C₃₀-aryl or

C₇- to C₃₀-alkylaryl,

R³ is C₁- to C₂₂-alkyl, C₂- to C₂₂-alkenyl, C₆- to C₃₀-aryl or C₇- to C₃₀-alkylaryl,

-CHR⁶COO⁻ or -O⁻,

A is a C₂- to C₄-alkylene group,

B is a C₁- to C₁₀-alkylene group,

X is O or NR⁷

R⁶, R⁷ are each independently hydrogen, C₁- to C₂₂-alkyl, C₂- to C₂₂-alkenyl, C₆- to

C₃₀-aryl or C₇- to C₃₀-alkylaryl,

R⁴ is a C₁- to C₅₀-alkyl, C₂- to C₅₀-alkenyl radical, C₆- to C₅₀-aryl or C₇- to

C₅₀-alkylaryl,

R⁵ is hydrogen, -OH or a C₁- to C₄-alkyl radical,

n, m are each independently a number from 0 to 30,

x is a number from 1 to 6,

~~as corrosion and gas hydrate inhibitors.~~

2.(Currently Amended) The ~~use as claimed in~~ method of claim 1, wherein A is an ethylene or propylene group.

3.(Currently Amended) The ~~use as claimed in~~ method of claim 1 ~~[[and/or 2]]~~, wherein B is a C₂- to C₄-alkylene group.

4.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~use as claimed in one or more of~~ ~~claims 1 to 3~~, wherein R¹ and R² are each independently an alkyl or alkenyl group of from 2 to 14 carbon atoms.

5.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~use as claimed in one or more of~~ ~~claims 1 to 4~~, wherein R³ is an alkyl or alkenyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms.

6.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~use as claimed in one or more of~~ ~~claims 1 to 5~~, wherein R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are hydrogen.

7.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~use as claimed in one or more of~~ ~~claims 1 to 6~~, wherein n is a number in the range from 1 to 10.

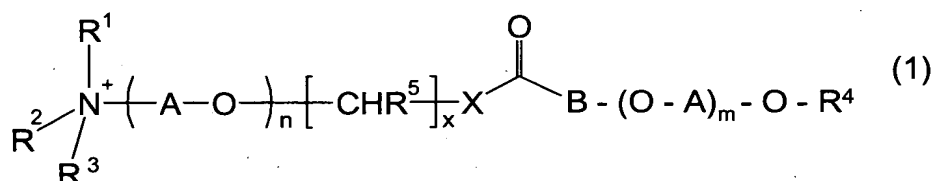
8.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~use as claimed in one or more of~~

~~claims 1 to 7~~, wherein R⁴ is an alkyl or alkenyl group having from 4 to 30 carbon atoms.

9.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~use as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 8~~, wherein x is 2 or 3.

10.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~use as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 8~~, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a concentration of the compound of claim 1 in the mixture compounds of the formula 1 is between 5 and 5 000 ppm.

11.(Currently Amended) A compound of ~~[[the]]~~ formula (1)



where

R¹, R² are each independently C₁- to C₂₂-alkyl, C₂- to C₂₂-alkenyl, C₆- to C₃₀-aryl or C₇- to C₃₀-alkylaryl,

R³ is C₁- to C₂₂-alkyl, C₂- to C₂₂-alkenyl, C₆- to C₃₀-aryl or C₇- to C₃₀-alkylaryl, -CHR⁶COO⁻ or -O⁻,

A is a C₂- to C₄-alkylene group,

B is a C₁- to C₁₀-alkylene group,

X is O or NR⁷

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R⁵ is hydrogen, -OH or a C₁- to C₄-alkyl radical,

n, m are each independently a number from 0 to 30,

x is a number from 1 to 6[[,]] .